

Tips for Successful Petitioning

Thank you for volunteering. We greatly appreciate your time and effort.

The information from your signed petitions will be entered into a computerized system that sends emails to each signer's specific state legislators. The emails notify the legislator that their constituent supports the Democracy Amendment Resolution. Below are some tips to help you make sure that the petitions you collect will be as useful as possible.

- 1) **Validity**. Anyone signing a petition must be a Maryland resident and a US Citizen of legal voting age.
- 2) **Completeness**: All the information requested on the petition except phone number is needed for the petition to realize all of its potential value.
 - a. **Street address** is needed to identify the signer's district so that we can send the emails to the appropriate legislators. PO Boxes cannot be linked to a voting district - we need a street address.
 - b. **Email** is needed or our system cannot send emails to the signer's legislators (it's a federal regulation). If you explain this to the signer and indicate that the signer can opt out of future emails at the bottom of the petition, most people will fill in their email. If they still refuse to provide an email address, take the signed petition anyway, and we can count the signature even though there will be no emails sent.
 - c. **Phone number** is nice to have, but optional. Don't push too hard for the phone number.
- 3) **Legibility**. Please make sure the information on the petitions is **LEGIBLE!** Glance over the petition before you let the signer go. If you can read it, then those who will be entering the data can read it. If you cannot read it, politely ask for clarification and write in correct information yourself on the petition or in the margin so that the data entry person will be able to figure it out. If the signer appears to have physical difficulty writing clearly, politely offer to complete the information yourself and just have them sign the completed document.

Following these tips will guarantee that the petitions you spend time collecting will be as valuable as possible. If you have any questions please call Karen Gyrsting Volunteer for Petition Entry at 301-524-0352

You can make arrangements to turn in your completed petitions by calling Bill Conner at 240-750-4672 or mailing them to: Bill Conner, 13315 Old Annapolis Road, Mount Airy, MD 21771.

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